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**FORMER MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOGNIZED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS  
AT FIFTH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S LEADERSHIP IN AGING AWARDS**



BALTIMORE, MD (May 11, 2012) – Former Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Secretary of Aging Gloria Lawlah during a luncheon held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland. The award was presented as part of the Fifth Annual Governor's Leadership in Aging Awards, which is normally a separate ceremony but this year was incorporated into the awards luncheon for the Innovations in Aging 2012 Conference and Expo. The ceremony took place on Day Two of the three-day inaugural Innovations in Aging 2012.

The Governor's Leadership in Aging Awards is an annual event held each May in conjunction with Older Americans' Month, and Governor Martin O'Malley's declaration of May as "Older Marylanders' Month," to celebrate a special month of activities and events highlighting the many contributions of older Marylanders.

*"Each year, during the special observance of Older Marylanders Month, we take time to honor some extraordinary seniors in the State of Maryland for serving as role models in the visual arts or those who have contributed to the quality of life of our seniors,"* said Secretary Lawlah. *"It was an honor to recognize Joe Curran for all he's done to protect and defend senior Marylanders from fraud and abuse."*

Other awards recipients included:

Trailblazer:	Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Esq., attorney, Baltimore County
Visual Arts:	Jerome Golder, photographer, Baltimore City

For more information on the Governor's Leadership in Aging Awards, visit the Maryland Department of Aging's website ([www.aging.maryland.gov](http://www.aging.maryland.gov)) and visit MDoA's Facebook page. For information about Innovations in Aging 2012, go to [www.innovationsinaging2012.com](http://www.innovationsinaging2012.com).

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